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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ZAROM ET AL.

Examiner

Tamara Teslovich

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 March 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 March 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 03.19.02.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that

5 form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

10 (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

15 Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Radia et al., United States Patent 5,848,233.

As per claim 1, Radia disclose a method for presorting a plurality of rules for
20 filtering a packet in network, the method comprising the steps of: selecting a characteristic (detecting an event) for sorting the plurality of rules, said characteristic having a plurality of possible values; associating each (filter) rule with at least one value for said characteristic; receiving the packet; at least partially analyzing information in the packet to obtain said value for said characteristic; selecting at least one of the plurality
25 of rules according to said value to form at least one selected rule; and applying said selected rule to the packet, such that the packet is permitted to enter the network or alternatively is dropped (col.4 lines 2-7 and 12-20).

As per claim 2, Radia discloses wherein the plurality of rules are presorted according to each value for said characteristic (col.6 lines 30-36).

As per claim 3, Radia discloses wherein said characteristic is at least one of a
5 source address of the packet and a destination address of the packet (col.6 lines 18-19).

As per claim 4, Radia discloses wherein said characteristic is a combination of said source address of the packet and said destination address of the packet (col.2
10 lines 3-16, col.6 lines 18-19).

As per claim 5, Radia discloses assigning at least one privilege to a user and determining whether to associate each rule with said value of said characteristic according to said at least one privilege (col.3 lines 5-21).
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As per claim 6, Radia discloses the step of determining a user profile of associated rules according to said at least one privilege (col.3 lines 34-50).

As per claim 7, Radia discloses associating a user profile with a group profile,
20 such that a plurality of values for said characteristic is associated with said associated rules of said group profile (col.3 lines 23-27; col.7 line 39 thru col.8 line29).


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tamara Teslovich whose telephone number is (571) 272-4241. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8-4:30.

5 If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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15 Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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